

Theological View of “Marching Band Prayer” as Part of Evangelistic Project

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Abstract

The story of Israel’s victory when it conquered the city of Jericho was remarkable. God gave Israel a tremendous victory. They had to compass the city once a day for six days, and seven times on the seventh day. Then the wall fell down flat and Israel won the battle. Based on this story, some Christians nowadays practice the Israelite’s victory over the city of Jericho in terms of evangelism, winning a soul, praying for the sick, and in a great event like evangelistic meeting that ends up to baptism. They’re doing a program where they walk or commute just to visit houses, compass a place, a region, or a *target* city and then pray. The concepts to be questioned are: 1. How is the correct prayer: concerning the content and the way to pray? 2. Is it important for the *target* of prayer to know that those who get involved in the project are praying for the *target*? Through this research the author conclude that the story of Israel’s victory over Jericho was God’s plan and under his command and instruction. Victory directly comes from God as written in Joshua 6:2, 3, “And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour, and ye shall compass the city.” The author suggests that Seventh-day Adventist members do not do these. The Lord gave his people nowadays strategy in spreading the gospel, how to heal the sick, how to encourage, and how to win a soul.

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